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LETTER DATED 18 JANUARY 1994 FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The members of the Security Council wish to thank you for making it possible for your Special Representative, Mr. Trevor Gordon-Somers, to brief the Council on 14 January 1994 on the most recent developments in Liberia.

In this regard, they welcome the fact that the deployment of additional ECOMOG troops is now well under way. They are also pleased to learn that the deployment of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia (UNOMIL) is almost complete. There should be no further delay in the implementation of the Cotonou Agreement.

The members of the Council note that pursuant to resolution 866 (1993) a report is expected by 16 February 1994. They are concerned that the transitional government has still not been installed, disarmament has not yet commenced, that the implementation of the Cotonou Agreement is thus being delayed, and that efforts to deliver humanitarian assistance to all parts of the country have met with difficulties. The continued support of the international community for the efforts of UNOMIL will depend on the full and prompt implementation by the parties of the Cotonou Agreement, including installation of the transitional government, disarmament and the unimpeded delivery of humanitarian assistance.

As noted in the letter dated 16 December 1993 addressed to you by the President of the Security Council (S/26886), the members of the Council share your expectation that the elections due to take place under the terms of the Cotonou Agreement should take place during the first half of this year. In this connection they express the hope that, by the time you submit your report, the progress achieved by the Liberian parties in the implementation of the peace process will enable you to recommend a precise timetable for the holding of the elections in Liberia.

(Signed) Karel KOVANDA
President of the Security Council